

October 14, 2015

Chairman Tom Wheeler  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: FCC MB Docket No. 15-149 -- Charter Communications –  
Time Warner Cable - Bright House Networks**

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

The Union for Reform Judaism was founded in 1873 and has grown from an initial membership of 34 congregations in 28 cities to more than 900 congregations in the United States, Canada, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The Union of Reform Judaism currently operates as the largest Jewish movement in North America and represents an estimated 1.5 million Jews at 900 congregations.

In 2011, the URJ partnered with Jewish Life Television to provide live broadcasts of our biennial Convention throughout North America. In November of this year, JLTv will be televising our Convention for the third time since our partnership began. Given Jewish Life Television's expansive reach throughout the entire United States, we have been incredibly fortunate that our organization has been able to access a television network such as JLTv to regularly broadcast this seminal event. We have learned that JLTv has been able to reach such a significant audience thanks to cable distribution partners like Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks.

We understand that Charter Communications is looking to acquire both Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. We have been informed that New Charter plans to support multi-cultural, multi-ethnic television networks such as Jewish Life Television. In light the Union of Reform Judaism's representation of 1.5 million North American Jews, we are pleased that New Charter plans to offer a platform to diverse voices, including those in the Jewish-American community. Accordingly, the Union of Reform Judaism supports the proposed merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks and respectfully asks the FCC to approve this transaction.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Pelavin  
Chief Program Officer